

Accordingly, the Court **ACCEPTS** and **ADOPTS** Magistrate Judge Carter's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations pursuant to § 636(b)(1) and Rule 72(b). Plaintiff's objections (Doc. 16) are **OVERRULED**. Plaintiff's Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings (Doc. 9) is **DENIED**. Defendant's Motion for Summary

Judgment (Doc. 11) is **GRANTED**. The Commissioner's denial of benefits is **AFFIRMED**, and the instant action is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

The Clerk of Court is **DIRECTED** to close the case.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of February, 2013.

/s/ Harry S. Mattice, Jr.
HARRY S. MATTICE, JR.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE